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In re Application of :
Rune G. Vestman et al :
Application No. 08/988,040 : ON PETITION
Filed: December 10, 1997 :
Attorney Docket No. 51.1115-C :

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 5, 1999, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.313(b)(5).

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue to permit abandonment for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a continued prosecution application filed of even date.

The application is withdrawn from issue.

The application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for processing the CPA.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

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